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**Post, Army news briefs****Donors exceed blood unit goal**

Fort Riley blood donors exceed the American Red Cross goal for units collected in November. The final tally was 109 pints of blood, 19 more than the set goal.

The next blood drive – in February – will be the Battle of the Brave, pitting Fort Riley donors against those at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kan.

Fort Riley won the competition in the last Battle of the Brave.

Reserve call-up decreases

The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps announced a decrease in the number of reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization, while the Coast Guard number remained the same as of Nov. 22.

The net collective result is 990 fewer reservists mobilized than last week.

Total number on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve was 78,832 as of Nov. 22; Navy Reserve, 5,017; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 5,676; Marine Corps Reserve, 7,089; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 363.

This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel, who have been mobilized, to 96,977, including units and individual augmentees.

Division band slates concert

The 1st Infantry Division Band will perform a free holiday concert Dec. 15. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in McCain Auditorium at Kansas State University.

The public is invited to attend.

Free admission tickets must be obtained. Tickets are available at Fort Riley's JTR Office, 239-5614; the McCain Auditorium Box Office, (785) 532-6428; or by sending a SASE to McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University, 207 McCain Auditorium, Manhattan, KS 66506-4711.

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This week's show, which runs on WIBW TV Dec. 2 and on the post's cable channel 2 Dec. 4-10, includes:

The 1st Infantry Division commanding general talking about upcoming Iraq deployments

The 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team off-loading equipment for its rotation through the National Training Center

Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld visiting Fort Riley to look at transition team training and his Landon Lecture at Kansas State University

An up close look at Soldiers on patrol in Iraq



Post File Photo

Pvt. Chester, the 3rd Bde. mascot, poses for a command photo the end of September, just before officially "enlisting" in the brigade.

'Bulldog' nearly AWOL

3rd Bde. mascot heads for 'field,' gets lost, counseled

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

"Wanted...Male (kind of), 1-2 years of age, 2'6", 80-100 lbs., with brown eyes and brown and white hair, light mange-like complexion with wrinkles and a dumb look," read posters hanging at the Post Exchange and around Custer Hill Nov. 16 and 17.

The fugitive: Pvt. Gunner Chester, the 3rd Brigade "Bulldogs" mascot.

Chester, an American bulldog, "apparently decided he was going

to have a night on the town," said 3rd Bde. Command Sgt. Maj. James Savitski of his charge's escape Nov. 16.

The "night on the town" ended when a Soldier from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Cavalry Regiment, recognized the poster's description as the dog brought home by his girlfriend.

The girlfriend didn't know what to do with the lost dog who jumped readily into her car on Normandy Drive, so she took him home to Manhattan, Savitski said.

Chester, who loves to observe training, had been watching Tran-

sition Team training at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex that afternoon, Savitski said. "I feel kind of guilty about it. We were going back out to the field (a bit later), and I think Pvt. Chester thought we were going right back out to the field again."

Eagerness, learned skill creates dilemma

Anxious to get back to training, Chester, who has mastered opening doors at the brigade headquarters, let himself back outside to

look for his brigade sergeant major and his vehicle.

After getting disoriented, or perhaps just distracted by a passing squirrel, Chester found himself wandering aimlessly down Normandy Drive, where he was picked up by a passerby and whisked back to Manhattan.

While Chester spent his time lounging off-post, the Soldiers back at 3rd Bde. combed the area for him and plastered Custer Hill and the nearby Post Exchange with posters of the missing pri-

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Chopper down



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The CAB's DART security element races to form a perimeter around a simulated downed aircraft during a training exercise conducted Nov. 16 at the Junction City Airport.

CAB's DART rushes to rescue

By Pvt. Andrea Merritt
DISCOM

As the blades of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter spun, they beat against the wind, creating a rhythmic sound similar to a drum.

The rhythmic sound is the normal sound you hear when riding in a Black Hawk. But this flight wasn't normal.

After about 10 minutes, the helicopter made an emergency landing in the grass at an airfield in Junction City.

"The number one primary servo light and corresponding number one tail-rotor light came on. Check up on hydraulic deck, no hydraulic fluid," explains the pilot in command, Chief Warrant Officer Clint Brisendine of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade.

In layman's terms, "the lights that say there's a hydraulic leak in the tail rotor came on, but we checked it out and we don't see any fluid leaking," he explained.

In reality, the aircraft was fine. It was a part of a training exercise conducted Nov. 16 to help train members of the new Downed Aircraft Recovery Team in Company D of the 3rd Bn.

Soldiers specially trained to secure and recover a downed

aircraft, repair it and fly it back to base make up the DART, said Cpt. Andy Erickson, Co. D commander.

If the aircraft cannot be repaired, the team is trained to destroy it rather than let it fall into enemy hands, Erickson said.

If an aircraft goes down, the air crew calls flight operations, which tracks all of the flights, and notifies them that their aircraft has been shot down, shot at or is damaged in some way, he explained.

Then, the information works its way down the proper chain of command and, from that point, the company commander calls the DART noncommissioned-officer-in-charge and lets him know to assemble the team and get the gear, Erickson said.

"We basically troubleshoot the problem at the hangar before actually launching out, (by) going through the books and getting the parts and the tools we need," Erickson said.

After the team gathers all their equipment, they receive a briefing on what the maintenance mission will entail, said Staff Sgt. Vincent Swinson, the DART NCOIC.

"Now, we have a security piece and a maintenance piece that goes out with us," Erickson said. "The security piece



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Pvt. Joshua Ramey and Pfc. Shannon Maywhor of the CAB discuss how to take out the pressure switch on the Black Hawk that was simulating a downed aircraft during the exercise conducted Nov. 16.

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Afghan team training begins

1st Bn., 41st Inf., handles leader, collective portion

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

A 28-man training cadre at Fort Riley began Nov. 13 to shepherd more than 500 other U.S. Soldiers through training that will prepare them for advisory roles with the Afghan National Army.

The 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 3rd Brigade, coordinates and provides all the leader and collective training the 1st Infantry Division gives to advisor teams headed to Afghanistan. The battalion's training role is part of the division's overall effort. The whole post gets involved because U.S. military transitions teams headed for Afghanistan face a slightly different mission from those going to Iraq.

Afghan and Iraq transition teams have similar advisor roles with their counterparts, said Lt. Col. Christopher H. Becker, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., commander. But, the Afghan teams are slightly larger with 16 to 20 personnel and they all will embed with companies, battalions, brigades and garrisons of the Afghanistan National Army, he explained.

Afghan mission more complex

The advisory mission becomes a little more complex than what is needed in Iraq, he added, because the ANA is more advanced than the Iraqi security forces and they own 100 percent of the battlespace in Afghanistan. All the Afghan Embedded Transition Teams will be attached to Task Force Phoenix, part of the Oregon National Guard responsible for advising the ANA.

The 1st Bn., 41st Inf., cadre provide the collective and leader training for the ETs passing through Fort Riley, amounting to about one-third of each rotation. They partner with the four maneuver battalions of the 1st Brigade and other organizations on post for each cycle and help to design, plan and coordinate the OER-specific training requirements, Becker said.

Cadre in the four 1st Bde.

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maneuver battalions – 1st Bn., 16th Inf.; 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor; 1st Battalion 5th Field Artillery; and 101st Forward Support Battalion – provide the basic and individual combat skills for each class. That covers about two-thirds of the training time, regardless of what the team's role is, Beckert said.

"I paired up with the 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 'Iron Rangers' for Cycle 12. (In the) Next rotation, when there are Afghan rotation teams coming in, I'll pair up with 1st Bn., 5th FA. Whenever there's Afghan leader training or collective training that's required, I have part of the rotation," he added.

While the 1st Bde. battalions handle the weapons, communications, driver and other core training every team needs, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., and 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, which handles teams headed to Iraq, can be considered training specialists, Beckert explained.

'Specialists' fill in ETT training

"The 1st Bde. guys pick up a class and run it from start to finish, similar to a drill sergeant scenario, where they run the entire cycle.

"Then the training specialists come in and out of the class to provide expertise in leader training, cultural awareness and all the collective training events, like STX (squad tactical exercise) lanes and small training events and then the Mission Readiness Exercise.

DoD announces next Afghanistan rotation

The Department of Defense announced Nov. 17 that the 218th Brigade Combat Team, South Carolina Army National Guard, will deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to train the Afghan National Security Forces. The scheduled rotation will begin in early 2007 and will include about 1,500 servicemembers.

The department also alerted about 6,200 active duty servicemembers and 600 reservists in combat support and combat service support units smaller than brigade-size elements for deployment beginning in 2007.

This deployment reflects the continued U.S. commitment to Afghanistan. Force levels in Afghanistan continue to be conditions-based and are determined based on the recommendations of military commanders in Afghanistan and in consultation with the Afghan government.

"(Those training specialists) are the two battalions in 3rd Bde.," he said.

Getting 1st Bn., 41st Inf., ready to assume the Afghan ETT training mission took about five months longer than it took the post and 1st Inf. Div. to take on Iraq TT training, Beckert said.

The reason for the delay has been the transition of the 3rd Bde. from a heavy armor brigade to a training brigade, Beckert explained.

Once the transition was completed, the brigade and 1st Bn., 41st Inf., began training up to focus on the new mission.

"We also went over the beginning of December and spent time with military advisors in Afghanistan as part of our preparation for this mission," Beckert said.

"I've been focusing on training

my guys on just Afghanistan-based training tasks. We've spent over 100 hours per man, training them just on Afghan-specific skills," he explained.

The skills 1st Bn., 41st Inf., cadre offer ETT members include language training. "We do the Dari language. It is the Afghan version of Persian or Parsi, and we train all of our instruction with Dari language integrated into it," Beckert said.

"Second, we focus on the Afghan culture. It's a more diverse culture than what is found in Iraq. It has more than 12 ethnic groups," he added.

A guest instructor from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., teaches "a heavy piece on Afghan history," Beckert said. The expert instructor's assistance was requested by 1st Inf. Div.

Classroom training uses one instructor for every 50 trainees, but that ratio shrinks when training moves outside.

The third phase of training will be the squad tactical exercises – small scale, one-day training events. "That will take everybody in my battalion each day," Beckert said.

The last phase is the major readiness exercise, and that will take augmentation from the brigade, from 1st Bn., 16th Inf., and from some role players, Beckert went on. Role players come from 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery. They are Soldiers trained to act like Afghans and Afghans hired to play certain roles in the training scenario.

Not all ETT trainees go through the MRX.

"We are sending some guys to functional training because of the class profile. Fully two-thirds of the class will be going to Afghan companies, battalions and brigades. It'll be infantry, armor, artillery, transportation," Beckert said. Those teams take part in the MRX.

"The other third have very specialized skills. We have the teams that will advise the security battalions in Kabul. There's also a group that's going to Afghan basic training. Those guys are going to Fort Leonard Wood (Mo.) to learn basic and AIT (Advanced Individual Training).

"There's a group of guys who are going to work with garrisons to mentor Afghan garrison commanders, so they're training with our garrison here.

"There's a group training with

the inspector general on post because they'll have an IG function in Afghanistan," Beckert added.

Even the post fire department is helping to train teams because Afghan army garrisons have fire departments, he said.

The 1st Bn., 41st Inf., cadre set up all STX and MRX scenarios to focus on training the Afghan army, and there are some big differences doing that, compared to what is done in Iraq, Beckert said.

"The Afghan army is more advanced than the Iraqi army, so some of our scenarios are focused on more complex collective tasks than the Iraqi-based training covers. We also do some dismounted operations because, in Afghanistan, there are a lot of mountains. So, rather than all of the events being mounted on trucks, we get the guys off the trucks and do some long dismounted movements as part of our training," Beckert continued.

ETT training pushes rural operations

Because Afghanistan has fewer cities and urban areas than Iraq, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., creates training scenarios that put ETTs "out in the woods and in rural areas, like covering infiltration routes and doing more standard missions away from the city," Beckert said.

Using the urban clusters Fort Riley has erected for TT training causes little problem with scenarios for Afghan teams, Beckert assured. "We just have to be sure we change the signage around a little bit and that the people are

speaking Dari."

Task Force Phoenix added training requirements to the 60-day cycle for the ETTs it will be getting from Fort Riley. Key classes include the Task Force Phoenix rules of engagement and use of emergency relief funds.

Money available for infrastructure

"The Afghan trainers have money in their pocket that they can use to improve Afghan infrastructure," Beckert explained about the need for such a class.

The ETTs also learn how to fill out the Afghan Army Readiness Assessment so they know what they're required to assess in their counterparts, he added.

Constant connection with Task Force Phoenix and access to information about what is really happening in Afghanistan is critical to keeping training appropriate, Beckert insisted.

One way that is done is through Col. Harvey A. Michlitsch, the Task Force Phoenix liaison officer based at the division tactical center at Camp Funston since early November. He's worked at the Task Force Phoenix headquarters and was an embedded trainer in Afghanistan, so he's a very credible source, Beckert said.

Weekly videoteleconferences between Task Force Phoenix and the 1st Inf. Div. headquarters also keep Fort Riley trainers abreast of what is happening in Afghanistan, Beckert said.

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The maintenance team gathers around the downed aircraft and discusses what they need to do to fix the problem during the DART training exercise conducted Nov. 16. The mechanical problem for the simulation was a pressure switch that went bad.

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has the typical infantry mission of securing a small area. The maintenance piece is to actually fix and recover the aircraft."

Forty-five minutes after Brisenidine made the call about the emergency landing, two more Black Hawks swooped onto the scene.

The security team moved swiftly and tactically from the first helicopter to set up a perimeter around the downed aircraft.

"Security is there to protect those individuals that are on the ground doing work on the aircraft," Swinson said.

Once the perimeter was set, the maintenance team emerged from the second helicopter with a tool box and other equipment necessary to fix the aircraft.

"Today was a 'crawl' phase, where we went up (on top of the helicopter) and talked through

what we would actually be doing (to fix the aircraft)," said Pvt. Joshua Ramey of Co. D and a DART member.

"We didn't actually remove the components," he said. "I was hoping to do more, but I know that in the next few months, when we get more to a 'run' phase, we'll be going out to the field and actually removing components from the aircraft to make it more serviceable."

When the DART team finished their mission, they returned to their aircraft and left the scene in the same swift and tactical manner in which they had arrived.

"Overall it was a good first run," Erickson said. "We were a little shaky today ... but once we get all the air crews briefed up on how we do operations, we are going to be kicking butt and taking names."

The group of individuals on

the DART team are a group of specially prepared aviation mechanics within the organization," Erickson said. "The members on the DART team need to have that edge and be a step above everybody else."

The commander wants all DART members to complete the combat lifesaver course and for three individuals to be trained and certified as combat trauma medics.

"Your (recovery) mission could easily turn into a personnel rescue," he told the team members. "I've been to Iraq, waiting on medics to arrive. I've seen it."

"There won't always be perfect conditions like we had today," Swinson said. "It could be raining, there could be snow. It could be miserable. We still have to go recover that aircraft."

The commander also discussed having DART training once a

week or more because he wants the team to train until they can't get it wrong.

The team also will conduct ground DART training, in which they will get to a downed aircraft by convoy instead of flying in on a helicopter, Erickson said.

"I have more than 10,000 miles on the road in Iraq," Erickson pointed out. "I basically wrote the book on convoys. We will learn convoys, and will learn to love convoys."

"DART operation, to me, is the most critical mission I have and the most critical mission in the battalion; because, if I can't get the aircraft and the aircrew back successfully, the Army could stand to lose millions of dollars worth of equipment and possibly the lives of the air crew that is inside, he said.

"We take it seriously," Erickson assured.

Chester

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Chester made it back to his post safe and unharmed at about 2 p.m. Nov. 17, Savitski said. At that time, Chester also got his first counseling statement.

"Pvt. Chester, you are being counseled on leaving your post without being properly relieved," read the Department of the Army Form 4856 signed with a photocopy of Chester's pawprint.

"You took it on your own paws to push open the second floor door and leave...you put yourself in danger by almost getting hit by a car on Normandy Drive, and then you got in the car of the person who almost hit you. You ended up in Manhattan, then, you chose not to give us a bark..." the statement continued.

Running away from duty is not very common among 3rd Bde. Soldiers, Savitski said. "However," he added, "Chester is a private. He's not unlike most other privates. He needs a lot of guidance."

First-line supervisor also counseled

As his first-line supervisor, Savitski said he took full responsibility for Chester's action. "As a matter of fact, I was counseled by my commander in reference to not maintaining control of my Soldier, and I have implemented a training plan to get him back on the right track. Just like all Soldiers, he wants to do well. You've just got to give him some good leadership."

As a result of his actions, Chester now finds his life at brigade headquarters a bit more restricted. Until he successfully completes obedience school,

Chester will be restricted to the brigade area and accompanied everywhere he goes, including the bathroom.

Besides restrictions at the brigade, Chester's actions also resulted in him being passed over this month for promotion to private first class. Chester was eligible for promotion Nov. 22, Savitski said, but because of his actions, his potential for promotion was being re-evaluated.

Hopefully, Dec. 22 he'll be eligible again for private first class and we'll see what happens," Savitski added.

Senior NCO insists Chester excels

Despite Chester's recent dereliction of duty, Savitski insists the private is an excellent Soldier.

"It's well worth the action," he said. "Chester has brought great esprit de corps, morale within the brigade and I think also within the 1st Infantry Division. (The "Bulldog" Brigade) is a team player and we really enjoy being a part of the 1st Inf. Div."

"This really separates us from the other brigades, but it brings us closer to the division and to the community. Chester, he's been well-received within the entire community," Savitski said.

As for Chester, Savitski said he's promised to try harder in the future. "He's very humbled and humiliated by his actions," he related for the private. "He's not proud of what he's done, but he's going to drive on."

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Ham: 'Big Red One' units ready for Iraq deployment

By Sgt. Nicole Clarke
1st Inf. Div.

The 6,000-plus Soldiers alerted for deployment to Iraq "are trained ... strong ... well-led ... and they are supported by wonderful communities and by great families and programs at Fort Riley," assured Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

He was speaking at a called press conference Nov. 21 in front of post headquarters following the Defense Department's Nov. 17 announcement of the planned rotations.

About 6,050 Soldiers from several Fort Riley units are scheduled to deploy. Units slated for deployment are the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Combat Aviation Brigade, Headquarters of the Division Support Command, 24th

Transportation Company and the 2nd Platoon, 2nd Transportation Company (Heavy Equipment Transport).

Deployments will be phased throughout 2007, so it won't be a "big chunk all at once," Ham said.

"To put this in perspective, right now we have a little more than 12,000 Soldiers assigned to Fort Riley. Today, almost 2,500 Soldiers are already deployed. Some of those Soldiers will start coming home over next coming months, some as early as next week," he said.

The 4th IBCT is expected to be the first unit to deploy, Ham said. The brigade just returned from the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Each brigade will have its own mission. The 4th IBCT will perform a variety of security functions.

The CAB will provide a range

of aviation support to units presently in Iraq - from utility lift aviation to attack or heavy cargo movement.

DISCOM headquarters is scheduled to oversee a variety of complex service support and logistics mission operations throughout Iraq.

All units will continue to conduct training exercises in preparation for their deployments.

"I have seen the training at Fort Irwin by the 4th Brigade, and I have also seen the training by the other units here at Fort Riley," Ham said. "I can assure everyone that these units are ready for this deployment."

"Nobody likes to be away from their families. ... But when the nation calls and there is work to be done, then your Army and your Army at Fort Riley is ready to take on that mission," Ham said.

Career counselors receive awards



Staff Sgt. Joy Nitkiewicz receives the Army Commendation Medal from Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, at a ceremony recognizing her as the post's Career Counselor of the Year for 2006 and division units that achieved 100 percent re-enlistment goals. The 1st and 3rd Bdes., 4th IBCT, CAB, DISCOM, 541st CSSB and Division Troops all achieved 100 percent or more of their re-enlistment goals for initial term, mid-term and career Soldiers. 1st Bde. achieved 110 percent in mid-term Soldiers; 3rd Bde. achieved 109 and 119 percent in mid-term and career Soldiers, respectively, and Div. Trps. achieved 141 percent in career Soldiers.

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Land Warrior technology ready to deploy

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WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Following successful field testing last summer, the Army is planning to deploy its new Land Warrior System within the year, bringing the Army a giant step closer to electronic networking of the battlefield.

The wearable, computerized system includes lasers, navigation modules, radios and other technologically advanced equipment to help Soldiers shoot, move and communicate more accurately on the battlefield. Ultimately, it will improve their ability to fight effectively and survive.

Battalion tests gear for 3 months

Testing of the Land Warrior package was conducted over a three-month period by the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, at Fort Lewis, Wash. It culminated in an Army Evaluation Command Limited User Test in September

and October.

"The 4-9 has been training for anticipated deployment next summer. Based on assessment results, it looks like we will deploy with the new Land Warrior and Mounted Warrior systems," said Lt. Col. Bill Prior, battalion commander.

For the first time, infantry troops will be carrying digital gear that will help address some of the chronic difficulties for Soldiers on the ground, such as locating other Soldiers, identifying the enemy and getting the latest orders.

"Thanks to the successful demonstration at Fort Lewis, we now have the first Army unit ready to go real-world operational with Land Warrior capabilities," said Brig. Gen. Mark Brown, Program Executive Office Soldier commander.

"Land Warrior marks the path forward to a more capable, lighter-weight ground Soldier system. The leadership of the Army takes great pains and great care to ensure that our Soldiers are well-equipped, well-trained and well-organized to accomplish the mis-

sion that the nation sends them on," he said.

Large-scale maps used for first time

During the comprehensive Land Warrior assessment, Fort Lewis Soldiers were equipped with 440 Land Warrior Systems, as well as 147 Mounted Warrior Systems designed for combat vehicle crewmen. For the first time, large-scale map displays were used to show the Soldier his location, the location of his buddies, vehicle locations, known enemy positions and up-to-the-minute mission plans and orders.

Weapon systems equipped with multifunctional laser sights, day- and night-vision feeds and direct connectivity to the Land Warrior and Mounted Warrior networks increase the Soldiers' combat effectiveness while minimizing exposure to the enemy. Precise navigation and real-time, common situational awareness were shown to substantially reduce the risk of fratricide or surprise enemy attacks.



Courtesy photo
The 4th Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 4th Stryker BCT, 2nd Inf. Div., at Fort Lewis, Wash., spent three months testing the Land Warrior System that will be deployed within the year.

Army increases bonus to \$2,000

By Daisy Bueno

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Bonuses have doubled to \$2,000 for Soldiers and retirees referring future Soldiers to the Referral Bonus Pilot Program.

Active duty and reserve component Soldiers and Army retirees are eligible for the referral bonus.

Soldiers working in the Home-town Recruiter Assistance Program, Special Recruiter Assistance Program, Active Duty for Special Work Program or the Future Soldier Training Program also are eligible if the prospective Soldier has not already met with a recruiter.

The bonus is not paid to Soldiers referring members of their immediate families, to include spouses, children, parents, step-parents and siblings.

Referrals should be made through the Army Referral System-Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team Web site at www.usarec.army.mil/smart.

An Army Knowledge Online user name and password are required to use the site, at which Soldiers must first establish a user account to make a referral. Users will be asked to submit such personal information as their Social Security Number to facilitate payment.

Referrals may also be made at (800) 223-3735, ext. 6-0473.

The bonus is paid in two lump sums. The first half is paid when the Soldier begins basic training, the rest after the Soldier graduates from One-Station Unit Training or Advanced Individual Training.

Sponsors who provided referrals before Nov. 13 are eligible only for the \$1,000 bonus.

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Missing servicemen's remains identified

DoD IDs Korean, Vietnam War veterans

Remains of Korean War vet returned

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced Nov. 22 that the remains of a U.S. serviceman missing in action from the Korean War have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Army Pfc. Charles H. Long of Durand, Ill. He was buried Nov. 25 in Durand.

Representatives of the Army met with the next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

On March 24, 1953, Long was one of four men from Company L, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, who was declared missing in action after engaging enemy forces north of the Demilitarized Zone on what came to be known as Pork Chop Hill.

The bodies of two of the MIAs were recovered and a third MIA was returned alive during Operation Big Switch after having been captured by Chinese Communist Forces. Long remained unaccounted for and was declared dead on March 24, 1954.

In 1993, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gave United Nations officials 33 boxes with human remains of alleged U.S. servicemen who were unaccounted for. The DPRK recovered the remains near Komsa-ri in Kangwon Province, which was near Long's last known location. Included in one of the boxes were Long's social security and identification cards and identification tags.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of the remains.

Remains of Vietnam War veteran returned

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced Oct. 26 that the remains of a U.S. serviceman missing in action from the Vietnam War have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Maj. Charles L. Bifulchi, U.S. Air Force, of Quincy, Mass. He was buried on Oct. 27 at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

On Jan. 8, 1968, Bifulchi and a fellow crewmember were flying an armed reconnaissance mission against enemy targets in Kon Tum Province, South Vietnam, when their RF-4C aircraft disappeared. A U.S. Army helicopter crew found their aircraft wreckage soon after first light the next day.

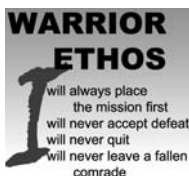
Search efforts continued for four days; however, enemy activity in the area, combined with the steep terrain and high winds at the crash site, precluded the recovery of the crewmen.

Between 1993 and 2000, U.S. and Socialist Republic of Vietnam teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, conducted two surveys of an area that was believed to be Bifulchi's crash site. One team interviewed two Vietnamese citizens who turned over human remains they claimed to have recovered at the site. Another team found wreckage consistent with Bifulchi's aircraft.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA from a known maternal relative in the identification of the remains.

Vietnam War Marine's remains returned

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced Nov. 2 that the remains of a U.S. serviceman missing in action from the Vietnam War have been identified and returned to his family for burial



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For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO Web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.

with full military honors.

He is Pfc. James E. Widener, U.S. Marine Corps of Churchville, N.Y. He was buried Nov. 10 at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

On June 11, 1967, Widener was one of 11 passengers on board a CH-46A Sea Knight helicopter that was inserting ground forces into Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, when the aircraft crashed.

Pilots from two nearby helicopters saw the crash and reported that none of the men on board could have survived. Aircraft flew over the site for several hours, but aircrew members did not observe any survivors.

A patrol was sent the next day to confirm the status of the 11 crewmembers, but the site could not be accessed due to enemy forces in the area. Later that month, enemy activity prevented a second attempt to patrol the site. Between 1993 and 1994, U.S. and Socialist Republic of Vietnam teams led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, conducted two surveys of an area that was believed to be Widener's crash site.

The teams also interviewed several Vietnamese citizens who recalled the crash. Two citizens claimed to have seen bone fragments while scavenging the site years earlier. When the teams visited the reported crash site, they found small pieces of wreckage, but found no human remains.

In May 2005, Vietnamese officials notified U.S. specialists that possible human remains were present at a district security compound in Quang Tri Province. The Vietnamese claimed to have confiscated the remains and other items, including Widener's identification tag, from a Vietnamese local in 1996.

The remains were then buried in the security compound, but the ID tag and other material evidence had supposedly been lost over the years. Later that month, a U.S./S.R.V. team excavated the burial site in the security compound and recovered a box containing human remains.

Remains of Air Force pilot returned

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced Nov. 9 that the remains of a U.S. Air Force officer missing in action from the Vietnam War have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Col. Charles J. Scharf of San Diego. His funeral is scheduled for Nov. 30 at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington D.C.

Scharf and a fellow crew member took off in their F-4C Phantom IIs from Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand on Oct. 1, 1965. Their mission was to attack an enemy concentration and a major highway in North Vietnam.

After the lead aircraft developed problems en route, Scharf assumed the lead of the two other F-4s in the flight. After he completed two bombing runs, Scharf's aircraft was hit by enemy fire.

His radio transmission of "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday" was heard by the other two aircraft. One radioed "Gator 3 (Scharf's call sign), you're on fire, you'd better get out! Bail out, Gator 3!" Scharf's plane began to disintegrate and a parachute was seen leaving the aircraft.

The other two aircraft lost sight of the parachute and circled the area where Scharf's aircraft had crashed and burned for about 10 minutes, but no radio or visual contact was made then nor in subsequent aerial search and rescue operations.

In January 1990, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam provided information to U.S. officials indicating two men were buried near their crash site, but that one had been washed away during flooding.

Within a month, a joint U.S.-S.R.V. team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, interviewed three witnesses to the crash and located scattered wreckage at the site. The 1992 excavation of that site yielded human remains, a dental prosthesis, numerous personal effects, including the rank insignia of Scharf's fellow crewman.

A second joint excavation in 1993 recovered additional artifacts, but no remains.

A third excavation in 2004 recovered additional evidence, including pilot-related life-support artifacts, a metal captain's insignia (Scharf's rank at the time) and a plastic denture tooth.

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Laser 'shooting' systems demonstrated

By Pvt. Andrea Merritt
Division Support Command

Fort Riley's senior leaders and battalion master gunners were at Long Gym Nov. 17 to witness a demonstration of the Laser Marksmanship Training Systems and the Laser Convoy Counter Ambush Systems.

Fort Riley has 11 LMST equipment suites in the tasks facility. The LMST has been used by the Army Reserves and National Guard for about five years, said Josh Abel, a senior trainer for MPRI-Technical Trainers Group that set up the demonstration.

"I think the LMSTs we have on Fort Riley is underutilized, and I need to better educate Fort Riley on the capabilities that we have on post," said Maj. Eric Schmidt, chief of G3 training on Fort Riley.

The systems allow Soldiers to use their assigned weapons in conjunction with attached laser devices to do basic zeroing, shot

grouping exercises and tactical engagement training, Abel said.

"The benefits of the LMSTs is it is independent of any facilities and is able to deploy with the unit, either to train U.S. forces or in the assistance of the transition teams as they attempt to train host nation armies," Schmidt added.

Those who attended the demonstration had a chance to test the system's capabilities by firing either an M16 rifle or a 9mm handgun at targets. They were given magazines loaded with alcohol-free blanks that provided more realistic firing than dry firing.

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, attended the demonstration and fired the weapons. He believes the system would be a useful tool for military transition teams at Fort Riley.

"It seems to me that this (system) offers a great tool for the transition teams and advisors

working with the Iraqis and the Afghans to start building within those armies, the same kind of tactical and ethical expertise we have in our non-commissioned officers," Ham said.

"Make them the experts ... Make them the trainers. Give their NCOs some credibility. I think it has some great opportunity," he said.

The LMSTs and LCCATS have caliber-specific lasers that fit into the barrel of weapons, such as M16s, M9s, M4s and AK-47s, without having to be modified. When a shot is fired at the targets, a laser pulse is emitted and then registered on a computer, which displays the time of fire, number of shots fired and shot group.

The LCCATS is made up of small and large pop-up targets that are weather resistant. They can be set up on any terrain and used in training exercises to test Soldiers' ability to fire from a moving vehicle.



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Maj. Eric Schmidt, HHC, 1st Inf. Div., and G3 training officer, takes his turn with the Laser Marksmanship Training System after witnessing a demonstration at Long Gym Nov. 17.

KSU professor studies fabrics for U.S. military

Project aims to determine ballistics-resistant factors to be used in future protective gear

By Kay Garrett
Kansas State University

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Body armor with greater ballistics resistance is the aim of the research being carried out by Youqi Wang, associate professor of mechanical engineering at Kansas State University, with support from two U.S. Department of Defense agencies.

The Army Research Lab and Army Research Office awarded Wang grants totaling \$350,000 for her new approach to how next-generation ballistic-resistant fabrics/textiles/materials might be designed.

The three-year projects are "High-speed penetration failure mechanisms of textile fabrics and armor-grade textile composites" and "High-performance cluster for the simulation of ballistic pen-

etrations."

An earlier composites design project sponsored by the Air Force brought Wang's unique design approach to the attention of the Army agencies.

She is developing a computational model for the ballistics simulation of a fabric given its basic physical and mechanical properties.

Gauging relationships in ballistics resistance

"The important question for us is how can we determine the relationship between a material's properties and the ballistic resistance of any final product made of such material," she said.

"We're going to attack the basic mechanics of the problem," Wang said.

"Thread is constructed of yarn;

yarn has thousands of fibers; fibers have strands; and in between you have fiber-to-fiber interactions. Once we identify the mechanical properties, we'd like to analyze the fabric's behavior. Ours is the first computer model to attack this problem."

In October, Wang installed the cluster of computational computers for the project.

"We purchased a small cluster in order to demonstrate that our design approach is feasible," she said.

"If we show that our design approach is a sound one, using only a few computers, we think our design tool has a better chance of being adopted," she continued.

Now in year two of the three-year projects, Wang already has designed sample materials that were tested for ballistics resistance at Aberdeen, Md.

Because there's a need for better body armor for the military, it's become extremely important to ask how protective materials will be designed in the future, Wang said.

The Army wants to reduce the weight, improve mobility and protect Soldiers in combat or police officers and others, she said.

Analysis begins with single fiber

Wang's analysis begins with the properties of a single fiber and gains complexity: How much force can a thread withstand? If it is woven this way or that, what changes?

Next, she analyzes fabric prop-

erties: What should be the proper size of the yarn? What should be the structure of the yarn? Should it be twisted, plain or braided? What will be better?

Then comes the textile-making process, weaving, braiding, yarn orientation: What orientation or interlock structure will be better for a ballistic-resistant fabric?

"How we answer the questions is going to be quite important in coming years," Wang said.

Since a single layer of a material will not stop a bullet, Wang said, the goal is to design thick layers of fabric, perhaps as many as five to 10 layers of fabric, or a 3-dimensional, woven fabric, in such a way that a bullet's energy dissipates along the fibers and the layers absorb the most possible energy.

"We don't want the impact energy to stay in one direction. We want it to go 3-dimensional," she said. "Our goal is to protect lives and defeat the bullet."

Wang joined K-State in 1994 and was promoted to associate professor in 2000. An Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, she earned a master's and doctorate in structural engineering from China's Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

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Community news briefly

Chapel to host music program

The Morris Hill Chapel Gospel Service will present a community-wide Christmas music program, "Carols By Candle-light," at 6 p.m. Dec. 9 at the chapel in Building 5315 on Custer Hill.

Special guests will include CD recording artist and gospel ensemble, Randall Fears & Blessed Through Christ of Kansas City, Kan.; the renowned K-State Singers of Kansas State University, and the Troubadours of Junction City.

The program also will feature gospel singing, praise dance, readings and the singing of traditional Christmas carols.

The free music program is a holiday gift to the military and surrounding communities and provides an opportunity for families and friends to gather for an evening of inspiration, reflection and fellowship. For more information, call (785) 375-3333.

Motorcyclists roll for 'Santa'

Operation Santa Claus, in cooperation with the new U.S. Military Motorcycle Riders founded by Sgt. 1st Class Carl "Cowboy" Corey, will be doing a Motorcycle Toy Ride and Wrap Dec. 2 for all civilians and servicemembers who ride motorcycles.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. with a donation of toys to Operation Santa Claus. Riders are asked not to donate stuffed animal toys.

The roundup will begin at the Marshall Army Air Field gate and proceed to Building 261, where riders will park their bikes and wrap presents. In inclement weather, vehicles are welcome.

About noon, after the wrapping, motorcyclists will leave to enjoy fellowship at an area restaurant.

Anyone interested can go to www.usmmr.com on the Web or call Corey at 717-5725 or Amber (OSC ELF) at 239-2771 or 239-6944.

Family support group to meet

The Exceptional Family Member Program Support Group will meet at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264, Dec. 12.

For more information, contact the EFMP office at 239-9435.

Screenings offered

The Exceptional Family Member Program and the New Parent Support Program are offering developmental screenings for all military families who have children from birth to kindergarten age.

The screenings will include vision, hearing and an Ages and Stages Assessment. There also will be a different educational theme offered each month.

Screenings will be conducted from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Group turns trash to treasure online

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Instead of filling up landfills by throwing away perfectly useful items they don't need anymore, 714 members of the Fort Riley and Junction City Freecycle group are giving them to others who can use them.

Free clothes, baby items and a table with chairs were just a few of the items offered in the 526

new messages posted on the Freecycle group's Web site within seven days.

"The concept is to take the things you would normally throw away and you give them to somebody else," explained group creator and moderator Michael Mears. "You save them from filling up landfills and you save somebody else a few dollars."



While a Soldier at Fort Riley, Mears said he always saw people throwing things out, but he also always had Soldiers who needed things. Mears had always been a member of Freecycle groups in other areas and thought it would be great to have a Fort Riley

group. "I thought I should do one here to give Soldiers the opportunity to, instead of just throwing it out, to give it to a fellow Soldier, help somebody else out," he said of his inspiration to form the group.

As the group moderator, Mears checks messages daily to make sure members are posting messages within the Freecycle guide-

lines. One of the main guidelines for the group is that everything posted is free, legal and appropriate for all ages. Mears said he spends at least a couple hours a day keeping up with messages.

After running the group solo for awhile, Mears took on a partner to help with the volunteer workload. Annie Baker joined Mears as co-moderator after expressing an interest in starting a

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Engineers march for Santa Soldiers donate more than 240 toys



A hitch wagon pulled by mules Pat and Jane and driven by Pvt. Jerry Lundvall of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, with fellow CGMCG trooper Spc. Mark Lister aboard lead the 70th Eng. Bn.'s toy march Nov. 18.

By Master Sgt. Jack Lee
1st Mob. Det.

The 70th Engineer Battalion conducted a road march Nov. 18, but it wasn't done in typical military fashion. Instead of toting a 70-pound rucksack, these Soldiers carried toys for Operation Santa Claus as they strolled down Thomas Avenue on Custer Hill.

On the crisp Saturday morning, more than 250 Soldiers, family members, children and a few pet dogs made the trek from the Fort Riley Teen Center parking lot to Ware Elementary School.

Billed as the "70th Engineer Battalion Toy March," more than 240 new toys were collected that day.

This is a great event that the 'Kodiak' battalion has been doing for a number of years now. Even when the battalion was deployed, the rear detachment and family members carried on the tradition," said 1st Sgt. William Sutton, acting command sergeant major.

For some, it was their first toy march. Pvt. Alexander Bond, a combat engineer with Company B, decided to participate because it was the season of giving. "I brought building blocks for a future engineer," he laughed.

For Sgt. 1st Class Ty Ramey, command finance noncommissioned officer, this year's march might be his last. "I am soon to be retired," he beamed. Dressed as Santa, Ramey's smile seemed to set the tone for the rest of the group.

Often breaking into a Christmas song, the group filled the street and made quite a sight as they walked through the housing areas.

Maj. Kirk Gibbs, battalion operations officer, said this was the eighth annual march and was held a bit early this year because the battalion is headed to the National Training Center in December.

"It's nice for the Soldiers and families to come together to support the toy march and share the holiday spirit prior to the NTC rotation," Gibbs said. The toy march coincided with the battalion's holiday dinner.

Amber Stehwein, Operation Santa Claus representative, said the generosity of the Soldiers was more than she ever expected. "These Soldiers made many, many children happy today," she said. "Their kindness is very heart warming."

Operation Santa Claus is located in Building 261 on Main Post. Early published reports state the annual toy drive for children in the region was started in 1968 by a couple of noncommissioned officers at Camp Funston.

Devil's Den dining facility 'best decorated' this season

By Sgt. Nicole Clarke
1st Inf. Div.

Soldiers of the Devil's Den Dining Facility run by the Division Support Command won competition for best decorated dining facility on post for Thanksgiving Nov. 23.

It took two weeks to put together all the decorations, said Sgt. 1st Class Stella Turks, assistant Devil's Den Dining Facility manager and a member of the 116th Military Police Company.

"The big cornucopias were made by rolling out the dough individually (and) placing it over the wire frame," Turks said. "Then let it dry for one day. The little cornucopias were just made with icing and powdered sugar."

Cornucopias are decorative items resembling a curved goat's horn stuffed and overflowing with fruits and ears of grain to symbolize an abundance of food.

As people walked into each entrance to the dining facility, they could see decorations set up at different display tables.

"There was another display table on each side of the building near the serving lines and there was one main display table on each side of the dining room," said Sgt. 1st Class Scott Sickels, Devil's Den DFAC manager and member of Headquarters Company, DIS-COM.

"The fallen comrades' display was out in the dining room as well," he said.

Other decorations included

cakes and ice sculptures.

"The unit patches were made out of color flow, which takes about a week to dry," said Sgt. Shannon Schreiner, a member of the culinary arts team at the Devil's Den.

"Overall, it took about 300 eggs and 100 pounds of flour to make all of the decorations," said Schreiner, who works in the ration room.

The best decoration in the dining facility, in Sickels' eyes, was the Fallen Soldiers Tribute. "As far as I'm concerned, the best piece or the best-looking piece ... is the dedication to the fallen Soldiers/fallen comrades," Sickels said. "It was Sgt. 1st Class Hart's idea, who is another one of

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Zero to Three

Helping young children prepare for deployment

By Dorinda Williams
Zero to 3

The days, weeks or months leading up to deployment can be very hard for military families, including young children. Babies and toddlers may not understand the specifics of the upcoming separation, but they can sense increased stress in their homes. Since babies and toddlers don't often ask questions to make sense of the situation, they may feel even more vulnerable and confused.

Parents and other caregivers can assist their babies and toddlers by offering reassurance. Young children need to know that their caregivers will keep them physically and emotionally safe. Babies and toddlers often feel overwhelmed by their feelings and look to caregivers to help them manage these strong emotions.

Caregivers who remain calm and attend to their children's needs help create a sense of security. A toddler in the midst of a full-blown tantrum, for example, may be feeling anxious and frustrated by family events. A caregiver might say: "I'm sorry you're feeling so upset right now. I know it's hard getting ready for daddy's trip. It's OK to feel mad/sad, but it's not OK to throw your toy. Let's take a break from playing and take a walk together."

Parents model healthy feelings

Before deployment, caregivers can focus on managing their own emotions as well. Parents who find supportive people, such as a counselor or trusted friend, have someone to whom they can vent some of their strongest feelings. By talking through these intense emotions, caregivers are more able to focus on their children's needs.

Parents can also model for their children how to express feelings in a healthy way. On a



Dorinda Williams

difficult day, for example, a parent may say to his toddler: "I'm sorry I don't seem very fun today. I'm feeling a little sad about mommy leaving soon. How are you feeling? What do you think you and I can do to make ourselves feel better?" Very young children can learn it is OK for the adults around them to feel sad/upset/angry, as long as caregivers handle their feelings in a way that doesn't seem scary or upsetting.

During this time, caregivers can also work at becoming more in tune with their young children's thoughts and feelings. A young child might seem more whiny and clingy in the days or weeks following the active duty parent's departure. A parent who understands this is the child's way of saying, "I don't know where my daddy is and I'm afraid you'll go away, too," is far more likely to respond in a loving and reassuring manner. Caregivers also can provide reassurance and encourage openness. Babies may not understand why everybody seems stressed, but will understand the extra hugs, reading time or lullabies that help ease the tension. Older babies and toddlers may be surprisingly capable of understanding a simple explanation of the coming events.

Kids understand more than we think
Young children often understand more than we realize. Parents can briefly describe the upcoming deployment and encourage follow-up talks. For example, a parent might say, "I need to go on a very long work trip. I love

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1st Inf. Div. Clarke

Brig. Gen. James Yarbrough (center), assistant division commander for operations, takes time to speak with Lt. Col. Chris McCurry (left of Yarbrough), commander, 101st FSB, and his family about Thanksgiving.





Photo by Chap. (Lt. Col.) D. Erich Schwartz

Spc. J. Ryan Rester adjusts candles on the Advent wreath at St. Mary's Chapel, where the Fort Riley community has been worshipping for 140 years. Rester is a chaplain's assistant and serves as the installation chaplain's funds clerk.

Chapels begin church year with Advent services

On the Christian church calendar, the first Sunday of Advent – Dec. 3, this year – is the beginning of the new church year. Advent includes the four Sundays preceding Christmas, and it is a penitential time to prepare for the rebirth of Christ in the hearts of the faithful.

On the first Sunday of Advent, worshippers light a purple or blue candle to represent hope. The second week, another purple candle adds its light to that of the first and reminds people of peace. The pink joy candle shines during the third week and worshippers light another purple candle on the fourth Sunday to proclaim love.

Scripture readings and prayers traditionally accompany the lighting of the Advent candles during services in houses of worship or in homes. The white candle at the center of the Advent wreath represents Christ, and it begins to shine on Christmas.

Chap. (Col.) Thomas Day, the installation chaplain, and his staff of chaplains, chaplain assistants, and civilian workers, and the congregations of Fort Riley's chapels invite you to worship with them.

Special holiday services will be:

Dec. 3, Advent Communal Penance Service (sponsored by the Roman Catholics), Morris Hill Chapel, 3 p.m., followed by an Advent wreath making project for families

Dec. 7, Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, St. Mary's Chapel, 6 p.m.

Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, Hospital Chapel, noon

Dec. 9, First Reconciliation for First Communion Class, St. Mary's Chapel, 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 17, Christmas Cantata (sponsored by the Protestant congregation), Main Post Chapel, 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 24, Christmas Vigil Mass, St. Mary's Chapel, 4:30 p.m.; Candle Light Service (sponsored by the Protestant congregation), Main Post Chapel, 7 p.m.

Christmas Day, Mass, 9 a.m.

Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Watch Night (sponsored by the Gospel congregation), Morris Hill Chapel, 10 p.m.

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Vaccine prevents illness, especially in kids, elderly

By Pete Wiemers
Health Promotions Educator

Here's a riddle: Which vaccine is more than 60 years old and yet different every year? If you said, "flu," you're right!

October was the beginning of the North American influenza season, and it's time for another round of vaccinations.

The vaccine has basically been made the same way since 1945, yet is different every year because it specifically protects against the three types of influenza virus that the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts will cause the upcoming flu season.

Influenza infections result in about 36,000 deaths every year, especially among the elderly, young children and those with other medical problems. About 59 million people could become infected this influenza season with more than 200,000 people requiring hospitalization.

Children are two to three times more likely than adults to get sick with the flu, and children more often spread the virus to others. Schools and day care centers, where children mingle without paying close attention to covering their coughs are excellent places for influenza to spread.

It is no surprise that families with school-age children have more infections than other families. On average, one-third of the family members of school-aged children are infected each year.

The elderly also are very susceptible to infection. For those over age 65 years of age, newborns, young children and people with serious medical conditions, the flu and its complications can be life-threatening.

Influenza vaccination protects the population at large in two ways. Those who get vaccinated are normally able to develop immunity in three to four weeks. This immunity comes from the



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creation of special proteins called "antibodies" that attack and disable the virus before it is able to infect the cells of the nose, throat and lungs.

However, children under 6 months of age cannot be vaccinated. Some older people and people with certain medical conditions will not develop immunity even if vaccinated. For various reasons, their immune systems cannot respond to vaccination.

People who do not have their own antibodies to influenza can still be protected if they are surrounded by others who are vaccinated. High-risk individuals in the community are shielded from infection by the immunity of those around them.

It is very important that families with young children, the elderly, those with serious medical conditions and those who take care of others, such as nurses and other medical professionals, get vaccinated as early as possible.

The Department of Defense, under the guidance of Dr. William Winkenwerder, the assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs, has purchased 3.86 million doses of influenza vaccine this year. The first priority is for Soldiers involved in deployments. That leaves about three million doses for other active duty military, family members and employees.

The commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command, Maj.

Gen. Joseph Webb, and the commander of the Great Plains Regional Medical Command, Brig. Gen. James Gilman, have endorsed the Department of Defense Influenza Vaccination Program and have directed subordinate commanders to implement vaccinations at their respective locations.

Annual influenza vaccination is mandatory for all active duty Soldiers and Guard and Reserve Soldiers on active duty for 30 days or more during the influenza season.

Soldiers deploying from Fort Riley have been receiving influenza vaccination during their "Soldier Readiness Processing" since early September. Soon, all Soldiers, high-risk individuals and healthcare workers also will be vaccinated.

Vaccination will be offered to military family members, retirees and civilian employees in November and December as long as the vaccine supply is sufficient. The exact dates and times will be published in The Post, displayed at locations around the installation and on Fort Riley cable television Channel 2.

Tips to prevent flu

Cover your cough: Sneezing and coughing without covering your mouth and nose send a shower of mucus droplets containing the virus into the air and onto surfaces. Others get infected by breathing in those particles or by touching contaminated surfaces. The virus is transferred from their hands to their mouth or nose. Common things, such as telephones, keyboards and door knobs, can remain contaminated from several minutes to hours after someone coughs on

them.

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Wash your hands: Hand washing is a simple habit, one that requires minimal training and no special equipment; yet it's one of the best ways to avoid getting sick. The combination of scrubbing your hands with soap and rinsing them with water loosens and removes bacteria from your hands. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer doesn't require water and is an excellent option when soap and water aren't available. They are effective in killing bacteria and viruses that cause disease. Commercially prepared hand sanitizers contain ingredients that help prevent skin dryness. Using these products can result in less skin dryness and irritation than hand washing.

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Get vaccinated: If you are in any of the following groups or live in a household with someone who is, the CDC strongly recommends that you get the flu vaccine. The groups include people between the ages of 6 months and 5 years or older than 50 years; people who have chronic diseases of the heart, lungs or kidneys; people who have diabetes, an immune system that does not function properly or severe forms of anemia or blood disorders; women who may be pregnant during the flu season; people who live or work in a nursing home or other chronic-care housing facility or are a healthcare worker; and people who are in close contact with children 0 to 59 months of age.

For more information, contact your primary care provider or call Irwin Army Community Hospital at 239-DOCS or the hospital's Preventive Medicine Service at 239-7323. You can also visit the CDC Web site at www.cdc.gov/flu.

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1st Inf. Div./Clarke
Senior leaders of Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division take their turn to serve the Soldiers and families on Thanksgiving Day. The Devil's Den served more than 525 people.

the assistant DFAC managers at the Devil's Den."

The dining facility was open to all family members as well as the servicemembers on post.

The Soldiers and Fort Riley senior leaders served more than 525 people in the dining facility Thanksgiving Day. Some of the senior leaders took their turn serving the Soldiers and their families, and then brought their own families in for a meal in the dining facility.

The commander of 101st For-

ward Support Battalion, Lt. Col. Chris McCurry, and his family were just one of many families to visit the dining facility.

"I just want to share the holiday with the Soldiers," McCurry said. "I also had the opportunity to serve this morning. Plus, it's an opportunity for the families to come in and join the Soldiers. Normally the families don't get to come into the dining facilities."

The dining facility served the traditional Thanksgiving food; however, they also had lobster

tails, crab legs and shrimp.

"The first course was traditional and then I went back for some of the non-traditional seafood," McCurry said.

Not all of the Soldiers have somewhere else to go for the holidays and coming to the dining facility is their Thanksgiving, Sickels said.

"We need to make it as family oriented or as friendly oriented as we can," Sickels said. "We need to make them feel like they got somebody that cares about them

when they can't be around their families at home."

One member of a Military Transition Team came to the dining facility for that very reason.

"I came to the dining facility to eat so I could be where there were families and a military environment instead of eating by myself," said Capt. Matt Diehl of Company D, 101st FSB.

(Editors note: Pvt. Andrea Merritt, Division Support Command, contributed to the story.)

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Look to commissary for holiday gifts

By Bonnie Powell
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FORT LEE, Va. — "Gift" is often the operative word during the holiday season and commissary customers have even more options this year through the commissary Web site at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

Whether it's one of about 100 gift baskets and bakery goods available on the new Virtual Commissary, or a commissary gift certificate, "food is always a welcome gift for your military neighbor next door, or for a military family you know elsewhere in the world," said Patrick Nixon, director and chief executive officer of the Defense Commissary Agency.

"We're excited about our new Virtual Commissary and the possibilities for the future," Nixon said. Only authorized commissary shoppers can access the Virtual Commissary. Anyone can purchase or donate the "Gift of Groceries," but they can only be spent by authorized shoppers. The commissary gift certificates can be easily purchased in small denominations at any commissary worldwide or purchased in a variety of amounts for deliv-

ery anywhere in the world through the link at the commissary Web site.

"Since the commissary benefit saves shoppers an average of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery stores, the commissary certificates offer more buying power to customers," said Nixon.

There is a small charge for handling, printing and shipping the certificates. Donations of gift certificates through CertiChecks, Inc. to worldwide charitable organizations such as the Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House Foundation, Operation Homefront, and the USO have added up to over \$200,000.

Operation Homefront was a new addition to the "Gift of Groceries" donation program in 2005. "The gift certificates are very handy to help families with emergency needs," said Amy J. Palmer, executive vice president of operations for Operation Homefront and CInCHouse.com. "Operation Homefront received about 250 donated certificates last year, but our local chapters can certainly put a lot more of them to good use."

Students make cards for Soldiers overseas

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

"Hey everyone, I'm thankful for what you guys are doing. I hope all of you have a great Christmas."

"To one who we wholeheartedly appreciate. Happy Holidays and a job well done!"

"Thank you for protecting our country and Merry Christmas."

These were just a few of the holiday sentiments written inside the cards stacked on a table in Lucille Coverdale's office at Fort Riley Middle School. About 500 cards, many handmade, were being collected to send to deployed Soldiers through Operation Care Package, a nonprofit organization in Illinois.

"They are actually putting the packages together in Illinois, and what our club is going to do is supply the card that goes in the package so they don't have to do it all," said Coverdale, a counselor at the middle school.

Seventh-grader Kretchen Olmeda said the students and Students Against Destructive Decisions decided to take on the project because they thought it would be helpful to the Soldiers.

"We did this because we thought (the students) would probably feel really special that they were actually doing it for a purpose and not just doing it



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Seventh-graders Allison Wildfong, Kretchen Olmeda and Zach James show off a few of the almost 500 cards Fort Riley Middle School students prepared to send to deployed Soldiers for the holidays.

because they had to but because it felt right," Olmeda said.

Allison Wildfong, a seventh-grader, held up her card in the bunch on the table. "Merry Christmas from Allison at Fort Riley Middle School," she read from the inside. "That way they

know where we're sending cards from," she explained about her message. Wildfong, whose father is deployed, said that sending the

deployed Soldiers cards along with the packages "might help them know we're still thinking of them and that we miss them a lot

and stuff."

Seventh-grader Zach James's dad also is deployed, but James said his dad tries to call every Saturday. James said he misses his dad a lot and thinks that the deployed Soldiers like getting stuff from home.

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Community news briefly

Commissary sets hours

Pre-Christmas, Dec. 18 – 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Christmas Day – Closed
New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
New Year's Day – Closed

Child car seats available

Anyone wanting a child's car seat checked by a safety expert should call 239-2514 to make an appointment. Appointments are available from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Building 407, Pershing Court.

Children younger than 4 are required to sit in car seats. Those 4 and older must wear seat belts. Child safety advocates say children 4 to 7 years old should sit in booster seats that allow seat belts to fit them properly.

Pacesetters seek members

The local Special Olympics Pacesetters invites families who have special needs individuals to join them and to participate in upcoming events throughout the year.

Special Olympics is a worldwide program providing year-round training, education and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people age 8 and older with mental and physical retardation.

For more information, call Geary County representatives Otis Scroggins at 238-1342 or John Hagerty at (785) 209-1996.

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Freecycle

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group for Junction City.

Since starting the group in June 2005, the pair has seen an increase in members and messages.

"It is really great to see Soldiers and community members exchanging items, getting rid of things and finding things that they can use," Baker said.

Anyone can become a Freecycle member and there are several groups in the area to join. To find a new home for an item, a member just has to post a message. Anyone interested can then send them an e-mail expressing interest in the item. It's up to the poster to decide who to give the item to.

"Instantly you have 10, 15 messages in your inbox, if it's a popular item," Baker said of the process. "You can go with the first respondent that comes back to you, which is often within a minute of your post showing up. You can choose to wait half a day or a whole day and look through all the responses you received and give your item to whomever you like."

"Some people want items out of their house that day," Baker added. "We've had beds and refrigerators and other things people are unable to remove from their house themselves and they'll post a message saying we'd like this gone today and I'm almost certain that it probably was."

A lot of small items are given away, but so are couches, desks, computers, cabinets and exercise equipment, Baker said.

One woman even gave away a car, Mears added. "It needed lots of work, but it would still run. It was probably gone within minutes."

Johnna Bowker, a group member from Ogdan, said being a part of the Freecycle group is very inspirational and empowering. "The benefits that I have received from Freecycle are more than recycle and reuse, but a stronger community," Bowker typed in a message to Baker. "I have made many good friends from Freecycle and I feel like I have actually made a difference in some small way...It allows us to take our trash and make it someone's treasure."

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Freecycle info:

Mission: "Our mission is to build a worldwide gifting movement that reduces waste, saves precious resources and eases the burden on our landfills while enabling our members to benefit from the strength of a larger community."

Number of Freecycle™ communities: 3,840

Number of Freecycle™ members: 2,822,550

Web site: www.freecycle.org

North Central Kansas Freecycle groups:

Clay Center Freecycle: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Clay-CenterFreecycle/>

Dickinson County Freecycle: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DickinsonCoFreecycle/>

Fort Riley/Junction City Freecycle: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_riley_freecycle/

Manhattan Freecycle: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/manhattanfreecycle/>

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Wamego Freecycle Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WamegoFreecycle/>

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MWR photo

Burning off turkey

Fort Riley families got together to burn off their Thanksgiving dinners Nov. 25 during the Turkey Two-Miler. Riley, the Morale Welfare and Recreation mascot, walked along Rifle Range Road with families during the fun-run which was sponsored by MWR. The event started at 9:30 a.m. at Outdoor Recreation and included turkeys for each family and a prize for each participant.

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you very much and wish I could stay here with you. I will miss you and write you as often as I can until I see you again. Please come talk to daddy or me (or another trusted caregiver) if you have any questions."

Remember that mission readiness includes family preparedness. It can be very helpful when parents and caregivers gear up for deployment by seeking information, resources and emotional support. Whether at home or deployed, military parents can take advantage of the support that is available to them, including counseling services, playgroups, spiritual organizations, parenting education resources and childcare agencies. Seeking support bene-

Mission



ZERO TO THREE's mission is to support the healthy development and well-being of infants, toddlers and their families. For more information on ways to support you and your young children visit our Web site at www.zerotothree.org/military.

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fits caregivers and children by decreasing stress and increasing the likelihood of a successful transition.

For information about available services in the Fort Riley area, contact Army Community Service at (785) 239-9435.

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, December 1, 2006

Leisure time ideas

ITR helps plan get-aways

The Information, Ticketing and Registration office in Building 6918 at Fort Riley has lots of travel information, and the staff can help set up brief trips and longer vacations.

Here's a sampling of what ITR has to offer:

Rolling Hills Zoo – Located amidst the rolling hills of western Saline County, this section of Kansas prairie has been transformed into a beautifully landscaped zoological park. Discount tickets are now available through ITR.

Silver Dollar City – Childhood dreams come to life at Silver Dollar City with adventures beyond your wildest imagination. Buy your adult ticket and get a child's ticket free. Numerous discounted show tickets and hotel accommodations.

Blue Rapids:

What: Lighted Horse Drawn Parade. Horse drawn parade with sloppy joe dinner at the community building.

When: Dec. 9
Where: Public Square
Phone: (785) 363-7991

Manhattan:

What: Pleasures: Kansas Printmakers and The Teapot Show

When: Now to Jan. 13, 2007

Where: 406 Poyntz Ave., Strecker-Nelson Gallery
Phone: (785) 537-2099
Web site: www.strecker-nelsongallery.com

What: Holiday Family Art Workshop
When: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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Dec. 3
Where: 14th and Anderson Avenue, Beach Museum of Art
Cost: \$5 per person
Phone: (785) 532-7718
Web site: www.k-state.edu/bma

What: Vanguard Jazz Orchestra
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3
Where: McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University
Tickets: Public \$31-\$35, students and children \$15.50 to \$17.50, military, seniors and faculty \$29 to \$33.
Phone: (785) 532-6428
Web site: www.ksu.edu/mccain

Salina:

What: "Annie"
When: Dec. 1-10
Where: 303 E. Iron, Salina Community Theatre
Phone: (785) 827-3033
Web site: www.salina-theatre.com

What: Manhattan Transfer Christmas Show
When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9
Where: 151 S. Santa Fe, Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts
Cost: \$34, \$41, \$48
Phone: (800) 585-3737
Web site: www.stiefeltheatre.org, www.manhattantransfer.org

Wamego:

What: "Columbian Christmas" Annual Christmas musical production.
When: Dec. 1-3, 7-10 and 14-17
Where: Columbian Theater, 521 Lincoln Ave.
Phone: (800) 456-2029
Web site: www.columbiantheatre.com

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Exhibit shows Hollywood's view

Special to the Post

The U. S. Cavalry Museum presents "Hollywood and the Cavalry," a unique view of the historical and Hollywood version of U. S. Cavalry Soldiers.

The special exhibit will open Dec. 7 and run through August 2007.

The exhibit will be in the U.S. Cavalry Museum's Uniform Gallery on the second floor of Building 205.

"Hollywood and the Cavalry" features posters, photographs and more than 24 authentic costumes worn by actors in film and televi-

Historical society to meet

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley invites members and guests to a general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Fort Riley Cavalry Museum. Members will enjoy the exhibit of Hollywood cavalry uniforms, including those worn by John Wayne and Tom Cruise. Punch and deserts will be served.

sion productions, such as "Dances With Wolves," "Rough Riders," "Buffalo Soldiers," "Fort Apache," "Geronimo," "How the West Was Won" and "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon."

The exhibit was one of the

Historical U. S. Cavalry uniforms and other cavalry artifacts from the museum's extensive collection also will be displayed.

The exhibit offers museum visitors a glimpse into how Hollywood portrayed the cavalry's role in settling the frontier and how this has come to shape our view of this period in American history.

The U.S. Cavalry Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

For more information, call (785) 239-2737.

most popular attractions when recently displayed at the Ronald Reagan Library and Museum.

These costumes were worn by actors Kevin Costner, John Wayne, William Holden and others.

White House photographer shows work

Souza displays results of 'Photojournalist on Assignment'

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The photographs of Pete Souza will be displayed in the K-State Student Union's William T. Kemper Art Gallery now through Dec. 21.

Souza is the national photographer for the Chicago Tribune's Washington bureau.

Since joining the Tribune in 1998, he has covered many world events and the Washington political scene.

He was among the first journalists to record the fall of Kabul, Afghanistan, in November 2001 and has documented the first two years of Barack Obama's term in the U.S. Senate.

Before his work at the Tribune,

Souza was a freelance photographer taking photos for National Geographic, Life Magazine and other publications.

Souza was an official White House photographer for former President Ronald Reagan.

He has produced and published two books that feature photographs from Reagan's days in office: "Unguarded Moments: Behind-the-Scenes Photographs of President Reagan" and "Images of Greatness: An Intimate Look at the Presidency of Ronald Reagan."

He also was the official photographer for Reagan's funeral.

"The premise of my exhibit is a mid-career retrospective of my work. I've had an unusual career

in that I've worked through the years as a newspaper photographer, a freelance photographer on contract for National Geographic Magazine and as an Official White House Photographer for President Reagan," Souza said.

Souza's exhibit, "A Photojournalist on Assignment," will showcase some of his work shot on assignment from Kansas in 1980 to an assignment in Papua, New Guinea, in 2006.

The exhibit will include

behind-the-scenes photographs of President Reagan and scenes from Kabul, Afghanistan, after 9/11.

To view this exhibit, visit the William T. Kemper Art Gallery, first floor of the K-State Student Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The gallery is free and open to the public.

For more information about the William T. Kemper Art Gallery or the Union Program Council, visit www.k-state.edu/upc or the Web.

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